

These are but a few of the heavy hitters who have contributed to Speaker GINGRICH's personal political machine, GOPAC. Is it any wonder the Speaker wants to keep this list a secret?

The Los Angeles Times succeeded yesterday in doing what the Federal Election Commission is attempting to do in the courts, revealing the contributors to GOPAC and what their interests are in legislation before this Congress.

What does the contributor get for \$715,000? Only an outside independent counsel can tell us for sure.

The lists of questions about the Speaker's financial dealings get longer and longer. I ask, "Isn't it time we get an answer?"

We need an outside counsel. We need one now.

#### REPUBLICANS ARE KEEPING THEIR PROMISES

(Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, what a difference 3 weeks can make. Since January 4, the new Republican-led Congress, under the leadership of NEWT GINGRICH, has cut the number of committees and subcommittees, cut the number of committee staffs by one-third, limited the terms of committee chairmen, ended the dishonest practice of baseline budgeting, opened committee meetings to the public, banned the practice of ghost voting, and have voted to audit the books of this Chamber. But, Mr. Speaker, that was not enough. In addition to those reforms, we passed the Congressional Accountability Act which forces Congress to live under the same laws we make the rest of the country live under, and as an encore we passed the balanced budget amendment last week which will force this body to live within our means just like every American family must do everyday.

Mr. Speaker, the bottom line here is that the Republicans, the people elected to take care of this Congress, are keeping our promises.

#### THE REPUBLICANS ARE NOT KEEPING THEIR PROMISES

(Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, they are not keeping their promises, and they are breaking the contract.

Prior to the election, Mr. Speaker, the Republicans said that they would support a true line-item veto which would give the President the authority to get rid of pork barrel projects and special tax breaks. In the bills before us now, Mr. Speaker, they want to give the President the power to take away the pork barrel spending, but they do

not want to give the President the power to take away those special tax breaks.

I ask, "Why don't they want to do it?" Because the Republicans like those special tax breaks. They like to give those to their wealthy contributors. They came up with that idea through the leadership of their former leader, Mr. Michel, who said quite frankly, "If you're for special interests, then vote against my amendment. If you are for a more complex Tax Code, then vote against my amendment."

The Republicans today and tomorrow are going to vote against Mr. Michel's amendment because they like special tax breaks for the wealthy. Mr. Speaker, give me a break. Let us do what is right for the people of this country and give the President the power to take away both pork barrel spending and special tax breaks for big contributors.

#### ALL THE DEMOCRATS WANT TO DO IS CHANGE THE SUBJECT

(Mr. TATE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TATE. Mr. Speaker, I am a little worried that my friends across the aisle just do not get it. While the Republican majority is working hard to revolutionize Congress, the Democrats keep trying to change the subject. It seems to be an epidemic across the aisle. We talk about the balanced budget. They change the subject. We talk about welfare reform. They change the subject. We talk about unfunded mandates. They throw up every blockade known to man. It is as if, gee, if they throw up enough roadblocks and change the subject enough, people might want big government again. I do not think so.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the Democrats to begin to work for a change in Congress and simply quit changing the subject.

#### MISGUIDED POLICIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE ARE THREATENING NATIONAL SECURITY

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, at this very moment the President of the United States is announcing yet another plan to bail out the Government of Mexico. He says it is an issue of national security. The President is wrong.

Meanwhile on the other side of town, Mr. Speaker, a secret meeting of the Federal Reserve Board to consider a policy change that will affect the security of every American family is going on with little notice. They may propose the seventh increase in 1 year to fight imaginary inflation. This act could raise the deficit by \$2.5 billion, drive up the costs of a hundred-thousand-dollar house by \$1600 a year, close

down home building, close small businesses, and it is designed to increase unemployment to 6 percent.

The misguided policies of the Federal Reserve are a real national security issue, and I would advise the President to drop the Mexican bailout and go after the no-growth policies of the Federal Reserve Board.

#### MEMBER OF CONGRESS ELECTED TO PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

(Mr. LAHOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker and Members, I come here today to pay special honor to one of our Members, the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. LARGENT].

Over the weekend the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. LARGENT] was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and it is a particular honor for me as STEVE is a Member of the new freshman class, as I am.

In 14 years with the Seattle Sea Hawks, Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. LARGENT] set six different career records and participated in seven pro bowls. On the gridiron he led the Nation in touchdown receptions in 1974 and 1975. In 1988, Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. LARGENT] was honored as NFL Man of the Year for his accomplishments on the field and off.

Mr. Speaker, he brings great honor and distinction to this body, and in particular I am proud to say he is a Member of our class and a Member of the House of Representatives. I say to the gentleman, "Congratulations, STEVE LARGENT, for being elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, a great honor for you and a great honor for all of us."

#### WE NEED TO BALANCE THE TRADE DEFICIT

(Mrs. CLAYTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute, and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CLAYTON. Mr. Speaker, we should remind ourselves as we deliberate and pass policy:

Who do we help and who do we hurt? How do we improve the quality of life?

This week we are considering legislation to curb unfunded mandates. Last week we passed the balanced budget amendment. How do we encourage and support economic development in our communities across the country?

Instead of fighting over whether the Federal Government or States for admittedly needed programs and services, instead of making knees buckle under the weight of cuts necessary to balance the budget, we should be looking for ways to balance the trade deficit with many of our foreign partners.

According to economists, Mr. Speaker, last year the ever-widening trade deficit resulted in a reduction of nearly